

16 January 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: []

FROM: []

SUBJECT: BQFIEND Monthly Activities Report for the Period 15 December 1952 -
14 January 1953, Inclusive

1. Personnel

The BQFIEND Desk [] is composed of 11 persons. They are assigned primary duties and responsibilities as follows:

Direction, Plans and Administration	- 4
Case Officer duties	- 4
Operational Support	- 2
Secretarial duties	- 1

[] This represents an increase of one contract agent during this month. [] arrived in Athens on a PCS from Frankfurt 30 December. He has been assigned operational support responsibilities temporarily and will be used as an instructor when training commences.

2. Production

- a. Positive reports - 3
- b. Dispatches - 36
- c. Cables - 25

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3. Support Functions

Provision of material to [] for P/W activities on a routine basis.

4. Operational Activity

a. Operational activities implemented or acted upon

(1) Apple Tree Team remains in Albania. Two attempts to resupply this team during the period failed due to the adverse weather conditions. Apple finally advised it was forced to disperse its reception committee for security reasons. New resupply attempts will be made as soon as Apple has prepared a new reception plan.

(2) Observant. Gadunca is in the process of re-interrogating 10 recent Albanian exfiltrates in an attempt to elicit information regarding the reception of HTGRUBBY.

(3) Oblavate. Gaccet continues to report on activities at Lavrion.

(4) We are now negotiating with a contractor for the construction of the training site. Supply and equipment requirements have been established and the procurement of necessary materials is underway.

b. Current Activities

None

c. Future Operations in planning stage - recruitment and training programs

(1) We have just received word that RNCASTING has named three team leaders for our use and intends to provide more.

(2) Throwoff/2 has been returned to Khalkis to await our next resupply attempt to Apple.

(3) The four W/T trainees from Germany are in process of receiving their advanced training here.

(4) Mattiani, Gash, Alikaj and Plaku are standing by for 1953 operations.

(5) We are still awaiting an operational clearance for Gadummy so that we may complete his W/T training.

d. Inactive operations

(1) The three team leaders provided by RNCASTING will be picked up at a later date.

(2) Willow Tree is being sustained on the local economy pending their next assignment in the spring.

(3) Throttler is being sustained on the local economy pending their next assignment in the spring.

(4) Fig is also being sustained on local economy pending next assignment.

e. Terminated operations

(1) Lek Martini has been dropped from the BQFIEND payroll.

(2) J. van Nema has been dispatched to Rome for use by Gallogly.

(3) ^{7/3}Gadull has been disposed of through Thubiquity channels.

(4) Koci Dule has been sent to Siros.

f. Conclusions

Our inability to resupply Apple has been disappointing. The team has maintained excellent W/T contact, however, and prospects are good for a successful resupply at a later date.

Preparation of the new training site, movement of our warehouse and the organization and maintenance of our safehouse facilities have received a good portion of our attention during this period.